

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the abstract as follows:

~~This invention is aimed at providing a~~ A ~~cornerplate-less duct having a rational construction, which can significantly reduce the number of parts by effectively utilizing scraps conventionally discarded. Plate includes plate~~ members ~~[[are]]~~ joined to each other at side end portions by a seam joint structure to form a tubular duct ~~[[10]]~~ having a rectangular cross-section. ~~A starting~~ Two ~~end portion portions and a terminal end portion~~ of a plate are bent in a direction substantially perpendicular to a longitudinal direction ~~[[Za]]~~ of the plate to form flange forming portions ~~3 integral with the plate. Corner forming portions 4 are formed integrally to protrude from side ends of the flange forming portions in a width direction to form corner portions at the starting and terminal end portions of the duct. In an expanded shape of the plate 4A or 4B, a cut portion [[2]] is provided closer~~ close to a longitudinal center ~~in the longitudinal direction Za than a starting end 1s or a terminal end 1e of the plate member such that the cut portion [[2]] extends in a width direction [[Ya]] of the plate member and has a depth substantially equal to an overlapping portion [[W1]] of the corner forming portion [[4]].~~